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THE New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled, according to appointment, in the Park street Church, Worcester, April 7th, 1858, at nine o'clock, A. M.

Bishop SCOTT, assisted by Rev. C. K. TRUE, D. D., conducted the introductory devotional services. After the administration of the Lord's Supper, the roll of the Conference was called by the Secretary of last year, and the Conference was organized by the re-election of WILLIAM R. BAGNALL as Secretary, and the election of EDWARD A. MANNING, as Assistant Secretary.

The appointments were read about 8½ o'clock, on Wednesday Evening, April 14th, 1858.

CHAPTER I.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who are admitted on Trial?*

Thomas J. Abbott, Willard F. Mallalieu, George W. Mansfield, Albert Gould, Andrew Baylies, Laroy S. Brewster, Albert D. Vail, Daniel Dorchester, *re-admitted*, Isaac Jennison, *re-admitted.*

2. *Who remain on Trial?*

Albinus O. Hamilton, Lorenzo Bolles, jr., Wm. P. Blackmer, Cyrenius N. Merrifield.

3. *Who are admitted into Full Connection?*

Horace F. Morse, M. Emory Wright, Wm. J. Hambleton, Jonas M. Bailey, Jarvis A. Ames, Wm. J. Pomfret, John H. Mansfield.

4. *Who are the Deacons?*

John Capen, Justin S. Barrows, John Noon, John W. Cooledge, Henry W. Warren, Horace F. Morse,* Wm. J. Hambleton,* Wm. J. Pomfret, Thomas J. Abbott,* Willard F. Mallalieu,*

George W. Mansfield,* Albert D. Vail,* George Prentice,* Samuel Jackson,* Andrew J. Crawford.*

5. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

John Goodwin, Gilbert R. Bent, Jarvis A. Ames, John H. Mansfield, W. B. Toulmin, Asa Barnes, William M. Hubbard, Amos G. Bowker.

6. *Who have Located this year?*

John Paulson.

7. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

J. Ireson, G. W. Green, H. V. Degen, S. Cushing, A. Binney, C. Noble, J. C. Ingalls, W. B. Olds, W. Rice, L. Boyden, K. Atkinson, H. P. Andrews, N. J. Merrill, E. Scott, D. Kilburn, E. O. Haven, I. Jennison, A. S. Flagg, W. Smith.

8. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

E. Kibby, E. Otis, B. F. Lambord, E. F. Newell, A. Taylor, J. Sanborn, P. Crandall, C. Baker, T. W. Tucker, T. G. Brown, A. A. Cook, W. M. Mann, H. P. Hall, E. B. Morgan, A. M. Osgood.

9. *Who have been Expelled from the Connection this year?*

None.

10. *Who have Withdrawn from the Connection this year?*

Dexter S. King, John T. Pettee.

11. *Were all the Preachers' Characters examined?*

This was strictly attended to, by calling over their names before the Conference.

12. *Who have died this year?*

John W. Perkins.

13. *What is the number of members, and what of probationers, in Society?*

Members, 14,333; Probationers, 3,538; [Local Preachers, 99.]

14. *What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of the Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not received their whole claims on the Stations?*

In the aggregate, $6,524.

* Ordained this year.

15. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

From the Chartered Fund, $25,00; Lambert Legacy, $8,34; Preachers' Aid Society, $2,795.

The foregoing collections were divided as follows:

B. F. Lambord	$275.00	Widow Steele,	$100.00
T. W. Tucker	250.00	" Easterbrook	100.00
E. Kibby	250.00	" Ward	100.00
A. D. Merrill	150.00	" Horton	60.00
P. Crandall	200.00	" Willard	80.00
E. F. Newell	100.00	" Palmer	80.00
C. Baker	100.00	" Fisk	75.00
E. B. Morgan	100.00	" Gile	75.00
A. Taylor	50.00	" Peirce	75.00
W. M. Mann	50.00	" Merrill	75.00
J. Wilson	50.00	" Savage	50.00
H. P. Hall	50.00	" Bridge	50.00
H. Moulton	50.00	Stationery	25
Widow Ainsworth	100.00		
" Virgin,	100.00		$2,795.25
Paid to Treasurer of Preachers' Aid Society,			33.09
			$2,828.34

16. *What has been contributed for the support of Missions, what for the Sunday School Union, what for the publication and circulation of tracts, and what to aid the American Bible Society?*

General Missions, $8,227.29; Sunday School Union, $409.54; Tract Society, $150.77; American Bible Society, $743.52.

17. *Where are the Preachers stationed this year?*

NOTE.—The name of the appointment is the name of the post office address of the Preacher in charge, unless otherwise given. Where two places are named in one charge, the *first* is the name of the post office, unless it is otherwise stated. All the appointments are in the State of Massachusetts.

BOSTON DISTRICT.

LORANUS CROWELL, *Presiding Elder.*—(P. O., Lynn.)

Boston, Hanover Street—John W. Dadmun.
" *Bromfield Street*—Lorenzo R. Thayer.
" *Church Street*—Converse L. McCurdy, H. V. Degen, sup.
" *N. Russell Street*—Henry W. Warren.

Boston, Meridian Street—Wm. R. Bagnall.
" *Bennington Street*—T. Willard Lewis.
" *Centenary Church*—Moses A. Howe.
" *Hedding Church*—Gershom F. Cox, A. Binney, sup.
" *Mariners' Church*—Edward T. Taylor.
" *May Street Mission*—To be supplied.
Chelsea, Walnut Street—John H. Twombly.
" *Mount Bellingham*—Abraham D. Merrill, W. Smith, sup.
Winthrop—John M. Merrill.
Roxbury—Gilbert Haven, Jr.
Dorchester, 1*st Church*—Ralph W. Allen; Stephen Cushing, sup.
" 2*d Church*—To be supplied.
Dedham—(P. O., Dedham, Mill Village,) William Pentecost.
Walpole—(P. O., So. Walpole,) Edward S. Best.
Foxboro'—M. Emory Wright.
Newton Upper Falls—Joseph W. Lewis.
Natick and Needham—Nathan D. George; Isaac Jennison, sup.
Saxonville—Franklin Furber.
Holliston—Samuel Tupper.
Hopkinton—Thomas Marcy.
Milford—Jonas M. Bailey.
West Medway—To be supplied.
Mendon and Franklin—To be supplied.
Westboro'—To be supplied.
Millbury—Benj. F. Green; Algernon S. Flagg, sup.
Sutton—Newell S. Spaulding.
Whitinsville and East Douglas—Geo. W. Mansfield.
Lunenburg—William P. Blackmer.
Townsend—Augustus F. Bailey.
Rock Bottom—William F. Lacount.
Marlboro'—John S. Day.
Sudbury—William A. Clapp.
Boston City Mission—Luman Boyden, sup., member of Meridian Street Quarterly Conference.

James Porter, Assistant Book Agent at New York, and member of Hanover Street Quarterly Conference.

John W. Merrill, Professor in Biblical Institute, at Concord, N. H., and member of the North Russell Street Quarterly Conference.

Joseph Cummings, President of the Wesleyan University, and member of Bromfield Street Quarterly Conference.

LYNN DISTRICT.

Wm. H. Hatch, *Presiding Elder.*—(P. O., Malden.)
Lynn, Common Street—William R. Clark.
" *Union Street*—John H. Mansfield.
" *South Street*—Fales H. Newhall.
" *Maple Street*—Oliver S. Howe.
" *Boston Street*—Henry E. Hempstead.

Charlestown, High Street—Lorenzo White.
" *Union Church*—Isaac S. Cushman.
Somerville—To be supplied.
Cambridge, East—George Bowler.
" *Harvard Street*—Isaac Smith; Kinsman Atkinson, sup.
Lowell, St. Paul's—Henry M. Loud.
" *Worthen Street*—Aaron D. Sargeant.
" *Central Church*—Isaac J. P. Collyer.
Weston—Moses P. Webster; H. P. Andrews, sup.
Waltham—Edward A. Manning.
Watertown—George M. Steele.
Woburn—Jarvis A. Ames.
Malden—Daniel Steele; E. O. Haven, sup.
Stoneham—To be supplied.
Melrose—J. Augustus Adams; J. C. Ingalls, sup.
Medford—Wm. A. Braman.
Nahant—To be supplied.
Saugus—Daniel Richards.
Cliftondale—To be supplied.
Maplewood—To be supplied.
Salem—Austin F. Herrick.
Marblehead—Mosely Dwight.
South Danvers—Howard C. Dunham.
Ipswich—Wm. C. High.
Newburyport, Liberty Street—John Smith.
" *Purchase Street*—Henry R. Parmenter.
Parsons Mills—To be supplied.
Gloucester Harbor—Nathan A. Soule.
Gloucester Town Parish—Samuel A. Cushing.
Topsfield—George Sutherland.
North Reading—Gilbert R. Bent.
North Andover—(P. O., Sutton's Mills,) Rodney Gage.
Ballardvale—To be supplied.
Swampscot—Zachariah A. Mudge.
Wenham—To be supplied.

Wm. R. Stone, Chaplain to Middlesex House of Correction, and member of Harvard Street Quarterly Conference.

William Butler, Missionary to India.

WORCESTER DISTRICT.

Jefferson Hascall, *Presiding Elder.*—(P. O., Shrewsbury.)
Worcester, Park Street—Chester Field.
" *Laurel Street*—Samuel Kelley.
Leicester—Jabez W. P. Jordan.
Shrewsbury—Daniel K. Banister.
Grafton—Willard F. Mallalieu.
New England Village—To be supplied.

Oxford—Daniel Wait.
Webster—Jeremiah L. Hanaford; J. Ireson, sup.
Dudley—Daniel Atkins.
Southbridge—Ichabod Marcy.
Charlton City—Daniel Dorchester.
Spencer—Bartholomew Otheman.
East Brookfield and Brookfield—Thos. J. Abbott.
West Brookfield—To be supplied.
North Brookfield—John W. Coolidge.
Warren—David Sherman.
Monson—Thomas B. Treadwell.
Wales—Silas Piper.
Palmer—Jonas M. Clark.
South Belchertown—James W. Mowry, sup.
Ware—Lorenzo Bolles, Jr.
Hardwick and Oakham—To be supplied.
Barre—Cyrus L. Eastman.
Hubbardston and Templeton—Nathaniel H. Martin.
Athol Depot and Northfield—Linus Fish.
South Royalston—Albert Gould.
Philipston—To be supplied.
Winchendon—William J. Hambleton.
Fitchburg—Burtis Judd.
Leominster—John Middleton.
Clinton—William J. Pomfret.
Berlin—John Goodwin.
Princeton—Abram S. Dobbs.
Rutland—Andrew Baylies.
Oakdale—Increase B. Bigelow.
Fiskdale—William B. Olds, sup.
Ashburnham—Pliny Wood.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

William Gordon, *Presiding Elder.*—(P. O., Wilbraham.)
Springfield, Union Street—Albinus O. Hamilton.
" *Pyncheon Street and W. Springfield*—Mark Trafton; William Rice, sup.
East Longmeadow—To be supplied.
South Wilbraham—Randall Mitchell.
Wilbraham—William F. Warren; Charles Noble, sup.
Ludlow—Franklin Fisk.
Jenksville—David K. Merrill.
Chicopee—Justin S. Barrows.
Chicopee Falls—Albert D. Vail.
South Hadley Falls and Holyoke—To be supplied.
Agawam and Southwick—John Cadwell; Ephraim Scott, sup.
Westfield—Daniel E. Chapin.

Westfield, West Parish—Cyrenius N. Merrifield.
Blandford—John Capen.
Blandford, North—Jonathan L. Estey.
Chester Factories—John Noon.
Chesterfield and Cummington—To be supplied.
Southampton—David Kilburn, sup.
Montgomery—To be supplied.
Northampton—Horace F. Morse.
Williamsburg—To be supplied.
Savoy—Horace Moulton.
Charlemont—To be supplied.
Coleraine and Leyden—To be supplied.
Buckland—John H. Gaylord.
Shelburne Falls—Laroy S. Brewster.
Greenfield—George Prentice.
Bernardston and Gill—To be supplied.
Conway, Ashfield and South Deerfield—To be supplied; David Todd, sup.
North Dana—George E. Chapman; G. W. Green, sup.
Lock's Village—Jarvis Wilson.
Prescott—To be supplied.
Pelham—John W. Lee.
Enfield—Nathaniel J. Merrill, sup.
South Amherst—John Jones.
North Amherst—To be supplied.

Minor Raymond, Principal of the Wilbraham Academy and member of Wilbraham Quarterly Conference.

Hector Brownson, Agent of the American Bible Society, and member of Pyncheon Street Quarterly Conference. (P. O., Rhinebeck, N. Y.)

Charles K. True, transferred to the Providence Conference, Professor in the Wesleyan University, and member of Chestnut Street Quarterly Conference, Providence.

18. *When and where shall our next Conference be held?*

At Common st., Church, Lynn.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' P. O. ADDRESS.

Epaphras Kibby, *Chelsea.*
Ebenezer F. Newell, *E. Brookfield, Ms.*
Benj. F. Lambord, *Lynn.*
A. Taylor, *North New Salem.*
Jacob Sanborn, *Concord, N. H.*
T. G. Brown, *Middletown, Conn.*
Erasmus B. Morgan, *Wilbraham, Ms.*
Abraham M. Osgood, *Salem, N. H.*
Henry P. Hall, *Pittsfield, Mass.*
A. A. Cook, *Milford.*
Thomas W. Tucker, *Neponset.*
Erastus Otis, *Kenosha, Wis.*
W. M. Mann, *Bradford, Vt.*
Phineas Crandall, *Norwich, Conn.*
Chas. Baker, *Waltham, Mass.*

CHARGES.	Members	Probat'rs	L. P.	Quart'ge	Table Expenses	Rent	Fuel	Trav'ling Expenses	Whole Estimate	Receipts	Deficiency	General Missions	Domestic Missions	S.S. Union	Tract Society	Preachers' Aid	Biblical Institute	Am. Bib. Society.
BOSTON DISTRICT,—																		
Presiding Elder's claim,	...	...	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	900	900 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boston, Hanover Street,	380	89	1	298	612 00	400	80	10 00	1400	1400 00	.....	300 00	.....	12 33	.....	83 00	8 75	14 00
Do Bromfield Street,	438	57	2	232	858 00	600	110	.....	1800	1800 00	.....	900 32	.....	14 50	15 23	122 00	22 11	21 74
Do Church Street,	218	23	1	200	465 00	240	50	5 00	960	960 00	.....	217 00	.....	10 00	.....	29 26	9 59	7 15
Do North Russell Street,	258	25	..	216	524 00	200	50	10 00	1000	1000 00	.....	268 65	.....	20 00	15 00	41 61	26 00	20 00
Do Meridian Street,	204	126	..	224	600 00	175	41	10 00	1050	1050 00	.....	175 00	.....	7 62	.....	60 00	.....	.....
Do Bennington Street,	88	16	..	257	365 00	225	40	.....	900	900 00	.....	50 00	.....	3 27	.....	17 50	5 00	.....
Do Centenary Church,	219	64	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	900	900 00	.....	130 00	.....	9 16	7 50	58 00	5 80	12 91
Do Hedding Church,	147	87	..	216	509 00	375	75	.....	1175	1175 00	.....	358 29	.....	8 64	5 39	40 77	18 75	6 07
Chelsea, Walnut Street,	175	56	2	240	580 00	250	80	15 00	1165	1165 00	.....	315 17	14 43	6 37	10 00	71 91	11 25	6 37
Do Mount Bellingham,	169	60	2	224	441 00	250	75	10 00	1000	1000 00	.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	3 87
Roxbury,	168	88	2	216	549 00	275	60	20 00	1120	1120 00	.....	500 00	.....	13 95	12 50	47 50	.....	30 00
Dorchester, First Church,	150	...	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do Second Church,	45	2	..	232	360 00	150	43	15 00	800	800 00	.....	.....	4 10	.....	.....	3 50	2 28	.....
Saxonville,	117	33	1	240	250 00	100	40	20 00	650	650 00	.....	43 40	.....	6 25	4 14	21 09	10 14	.....
Dedham,	37	11	..	224	135 00	100	...	13 19	512	437 00	75 00	7 32	.....	2 52	.....	2 32	.....	.....
Newton Upper Falls,	72	45	..	232	253 00	125	35	5 00	650	650 00	.....	50 00	.....	3 00	5 00	16 00	10 00	5 00
Natick,	123	15	2	224	319 00	125	55	2 00	725	725 00	.....	22 63	.....	5 53	2 53	10 76	3 06	5 53
Millbury,	88	8	4	...	.....	...	...	.....	600	600 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holliston,	135	57	1	320	210 00	150	50	20 00	750	750 00	.....	61 00	6 00	3 75	4 50	22 00	7 50	30 00
Hopkinton,	126	44	..	216	294 00	125	65	. ...	700	700 00	.....	30 00	2 40	2 33	.....	28 89	3 13	9 07
Milford,	143	25	..	232	208 00	125	45	15 00	625	625 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	9 15	.....	6 76
Mendon,	39	14	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	325	325 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	2 77	.....	.....
Sutton,	60	3	..	224	130 00	55	40	4 00	453	313 00	140 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....
Lunenburg,	66	4	..	216	125 00	65	30	15 00	451	366 00	85 00	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Marlboro',	102	7	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	....	.....	... ..	3 00	1 00	1 75	.....	9 25	1 50	2 25
Rock Bottom,	65	21	..	248	200 00	50	30	3 00	531	531 00	.....	5 37	5 30	.....	.....	5 57	.....	.....
Walpole,	70	5	1	216	146 00	87	15	8 00	472	439 00	33 00	4 39	....	3 00	.....	5 85	5 00	.....
Whitinsville,	44	13	..	200	115 00	50	25	10 00	400	400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Townsend,	50	30	..	200	200 00	60	25	15 00	500	425 00	75 00	6 00	5 00	3 77	.....	7 80	4 00	4 25
Sudbury,	44	4	..	224	85 00	40	30	18 00	397	362 00	35 00	.....	3 41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lynn District,—																		
Presiding Elder's claim,	...	...	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	900	900 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
Lynn, Common Street,	335	76	4	240	475 00	130	75	2 00	940	940 00	.....	717 63	4 71	19 43	13 52	73 70	12 00	18 44
Do Union Street,	130	80	1	...	.....	...	...	.....	700	700 00	.....	36 00	2 00	3 25	2 25	25 00	5 00	2 50
Do South Street,	180	30	1	220	400 00	125	55	12 00	812	812 00	.....	166 75	.....	.....	3 50	31 19	8 00	.....
Do Maple Street,	93	18	1	225	190 00	55	25	5 00	500	500 00	.....	16 00	.....	2 00	.....	9 50	.....	.....
Do Boston Street,	200	30	..	240	348 00	150	60	2 00	800	800 00	.....	300 00	.....	3 25	.....	30 00	3 55	.....
Charlestown, High Street,	197	33	1	216	404 00	225	50	5 00	900	900 00	.....	120 00	64 30	4 00	.....	45 00	6 63	6 92
Do Union Church,	238	78	..	264	350 00	225	60	1 00	900	900 00	.....	100 00	60 00	8 30	.....	50 00	10 32	12 47
Cambridge, East,	150	38	..	272	542 00	200	60	10 00	1000	1000 00	.....	50 00	.....	2 50	.....	19 46	.....	5 38
Do Harvard Street,	193	15	2	240	375 00	225	50	10 00	900	900 00	.....	100 00	.....	4 23	.....	33 00	8 00	8 75
Lowell, St. Paul's,	360	50	1	216	539 00	175	70	.....	1000	1000 00	.....	124 00	16 00	8 47	6 00	33 62	12 70	13 12
Do Worthen Street,	424	44	6	224	433 00	175	50	18 00	900	900 00	.....	247 72	.....	10 00	4 34	45 00	5 41	7 37
Do Central Church,	207	34	..	232	426 00	175	60	7 00	900	900 00	.....	12 08	.....	2 13	.....	15 44	2 59	.....
Weston,	76	6	1	200	240 00	75	40	20 00	575	554 00	21 00	32 00	.....	5 75	.....	17 00	4 75	.....
Waltham,	148	45	1	250	270 00	125	50	5 00	700	700 00	.....	30 00	10 00	.....	20 00	36 00	21 41	.....
Watertown,	121	12	..	288	560 00	90	50	10 00	1000	1000 00	.....	190 00	....	8 00	8 00	50 00	27 00	.....
Woburn,	51	24	1	200	175 00	100	50	25 00	550	550 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	4 18	2 00	3 00
Malden,	144	14	1	232	515 00	200	50	3 00	1000	1000 00	.....	255 60	.....	10 00	.....	50 00	.....	11 00
Melrose,	140	10	..	200	330 00	150	50	20 00	750	750 00	.....	102 25	.....	.....	.....	25 17	9 15	7 00
Medford,	90	32	1	264	226 00	165	35	10 00	700	700 00	.....	57 00	9 50	4 40	.....	18 00	4 55	3 15
Saugus,	100	7	..	200	340 00	125	40	20 00	725	725 00	.....	40 75	5 00	4 00	4 20	42 00	3 25	4 20
Salem,	140	65	..	232	275 00	125	48	20 00	700	725 00	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	13 00	.....	.....
Marblehead,	156	68	..	248	230 00	150	50	22 00	700	700 00	.....	34 00	.....	2 00	2 00	21 33	3 00	10 00
South Danvers,	68	21	1	200	42 00	75	35	.....	352	352 00	.....	2 89	.....	.....	.....	3 14	.....	.....
Ipswich,	262	67	2	240	280 00	100	40	40 00	700	700 00	.....	150 00	.....	12 00	5 67	95 00	.....	7 60
Newburyport, Liberty Street,	170	54	1	...	... ..	...	...	.....	600	600 00	.....	12 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

TABLE CONTINUED.

CHARGES.	Members	Probat'ers	L. P.	Quart'ge	Table Expenses	Rent	Fuel	Traveling Expenses	Whole Estimate	Receipts	Deficiency	General Missions	Domestic Missions	S.S.Union	Tract Society	Preachers' Aid	Biblical Institute	Am. Bib. Society.
Newburyport, Purchase Street, ...	82	36	..	240	138 00	70	40	12 00	500	500 00	.....	6 10	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	2 30
Parsons' Mills, ...	40	15	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	150	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gloucester Harbor, ...	122	51	..	224	173 00	90	45	18 00	550	550 00	.....	6 78	.....	2 00	3 00	17 00	4 00	.....
Do Parish, ...	92	19	..	224	212 00	35	30	.....	500	440 00	60 00	7 77	2 00	2 00	2 00	12 00	.....	4 00
Topsfield,.....	62	45	1	248	157 00	100	30	15 00	550	550 00	.....	2 25	.....	1 00	.....	3 25	1 00	2 10
North Andover, ...	50	11	..	256	124 00	60	35	25 00	500	355 00	145 00	15 00	.....	3 00	.....	1 80	.....	2 00
Swampscot,.....	55	64	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	600	600 00	.....	12 50	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....
Winthrop, ...	31	4	..	296	129 00	125	40	10 00	600	600 00	.....	5 31	.....	.....	.....	12 60	.....	1 82
WORCESTER DISTRICT,—																		
Presiding Elder's claim,.....	...	...	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Worcester, Park Street, ...	244	23	3	256	350 00	175	50	25 00	856	856 00	.....	63 00	.....	7 32	.....	16 88	9 40	10 10
Do Laurel Street, ...	64	30	..	240	167 00	135	45	13 00	600	600 00	.....	40 00	.....	4 80	.....	.....	3 00	2 15
Leicester,.....	50	36	2	264	150 00	60	35	21 00	530	530 00	.....	8 00	16 00	50	50	4 00	50	0
Oxford, ...	100	46	..	224	224 00	100	40	12 00	600	600 00	.....	47 38	.....	1 38	.....	16 25	3 60	5 52
Webster, ...	193	69	6	200	240 00	150	30	30 00	650	650 00	.....	66 75	.....	9 00	.....	30 00	5 00	5 63
Dudley, ...	100	23	2	248	134 00	48	20	.....	450	450 00	.....	12 70	2 62	2 57	.....	7 50	1 70	.....
Southbridge, ...	143	16	2	240	135 00	125	30	10 00	540	540 00	.....	30 00	8 00	4 00	9 00	12 00	4 00	5 50
Charlton City	43	6	1	200	200 00	42	25	15 00	482	482 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 35	.....	5 00	.....	1 06
Spencer, ...	78	11	..	216	205 00	80	30	19 00	550	550 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....
East Brookfield,...	50	5	1	...	.....	...	...	.....	450	450 00	.....	20 00	.....	5 00	2 00	12 00	3 00	13 00
Brookfield,.....	...	...	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Brookfield,...	37	32	..	256	200 00	60	25	10 00	551	290 64	260 36	3 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	1 80
North Brookfield, ...	49	5	..	216	119 00	80	25	.....	440	440 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warren, ...	33	10	1	240	125 00	60	30	3 00	458	360 00	98 00	5 20	.....	.....	.....	6 00	1 13	16 00
Monson,.....	113	25	1	200	172 00	80	35	23 00	510	510 00	.....	65 00	10 00	5 00	1 91	20 00	5 00	.....
Wales,.....	48	55	..	150	105 00	20	12	4 00	291	291 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Palmer,	134	13	..	304	200 00	55	32	30 00	621	621 00	.....	41 00	5 75	3 00	.....	6 07	.....	5 00
South Belchertown,	50	95	..	200	50 00	50	25	.....	325	325 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ware Village,	119	18	2	...	.....	75	35	....	600	600 00	.....	18 58	.....	.....	.....	19 27	2 00	.....
Hardwick and Oakham,	25	4	1	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barre,	92	2	1	262	163 00	80	36	6 00	547	600 00	.....	21 30	20 00	....	.....	22 00	.....	5 00
Hubbardston and Templeton,	158	28	1	216	133 00	60	21	20 00	450	450 00	.....	9 00	7 00	2 08	1 50	16 25	2 25	2 00
Athol Depot and Northfield,	96	15	1	200	153 00	60	25	12 00	450	450 00	.....	.....	10 00	1 61	.....	10 00	2 00	3 00
South Royalston,	36	8	..	.	.... .	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	4 63	3 27	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....
Phillipston,	23	9	..	216	100 00	10	10	10 00	345	300 00	45 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 16
Winchendon,	160	32	..	200	140 00	50	30	10 00	430	381 30	40 70	19 21	10 00	.....	... ..	10 18	3 00	7 53
Fitchburg,	154	30	..	272	205 00	120	40	13 00	650	650 00	.....	30 00	10 00	4 45	.....	9 42	3 25	11 75
Leominster,	123	32	1	200	191 00	75	30	5 00	501	501 00	.....	40 00	.....	2 55	4 82	9 84	6 34	1 79
Clinton,	66	12	.	240	225 00	75	35	25 00	600	600 00	.....	12 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	7 16	3 50	5 00
Princeton,	63	22	..	200	100 00	40	20	16 00	376	376 00	.....	8 81	5 00	.....	.....	1 04	3 53	5 10
Rutland,	28	1	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oakdale,	103	12	..	200	175 00	85	30	10 00	500	500 00	.....	5 50	.....	1 00	.....	5 75	.....	3 00
Fiskdale,	40	38	1	232	100 00	25	20	3 00	380	275 00	105 00	6 00	.....	1 68	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Ashburnham,	138	18	3	240	200 00	75	...	35 00	550	550 00	.....	44 00	8 00	6 00	2 00	15 00	4 00	7 00
Shrewsbury,	88	19	..	232	126 00	100	32	10 00	500	500 00	.....	20 66	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
New England Village,	37	6	1	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT—																		
Presiding Elder's claim,	...	...	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	700	650 00	.....	.....	.. .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Springfield, Union Street,	127	47	1	216	324 00	100	40	20 00	700	700 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 06
Do Pyncheon Street,	204	52	1	...	.....	...	...	.....	1025	1025 00	.....	165 00	.....	11 33	.....	22 28	8 17	.....
Do Asbury Chapel,	26	10	2	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chicopee,	163	48	..	200	250 00	125	50	25 00	650	650 00	.....	43 00	.....	10 00	2 45	13 50	12 00	8 00
Chicopee Falls,	90	10	1	248	125 00	80	30	17 00	500	440 00	60 00	.....	.....	.....	1 78	7 00	.....	.....
Holyoke,	26	4	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	....	222 00	.....	3 66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Hadley Falls,	39	15	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Springfield, Second Church,	58	...	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	14 00	.....	1 21	.....	5 39	.....	.....
Westfield,	209	22	..	240	253 00	130	40	37 00	700	700 00	.....	129 00	6 00	7 00	4 00	31 00	10 00	10 00
Do West Parish,	55	9	2	200	80 00	35	20	5 00	340	320 00	20 00	16 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	1 00
Blandford,	112	8	3	200	150 00	70	15	15 00	450	400 00	50 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....
Do North,	24	..	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400	400 00	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....

TABLE, CONTINUED.

CHARGES.	Members	Probat'ers	L. P.	Quar'ge	Table Expenses	Rent	Fuel	Trav'ling Expenses	Whole Estimate	Receipts	Deficien'y	General Missions	Domestic Missions	S.S.Union	Tract Society	Preachers' Aid	Biblical Institute	Am. Bib. Society.
Chester Factories,	43	...	..	248	125 00	50	18	10 00	451	400 00	51 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	8 03
Southampton,	93	8	1	200	86 00	60	20	8 00	374	374 00	.....	28 31	2 00	.....	.....	5 05	.....	.....
Northampton,	72	8	3	100	237 00	25	25	13 00	400	400 00	.....	18 26	.....	.....	.....	1 35	.....	.....
Williamsburg,	...	...	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chesterfield,	...	...	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cummington,	...	...	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Savoy,	...	...	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charlemont,	90	13	1	...	.....	...	...	.....	400	400 00	.....	5 50	.....	.....	.....	6 50	.....	.....
Coleraine and Leyden,	163	16	..	200	127 00	30	18	25 00	400	305 00	95 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Gill Circuit,	78	9	3	224	111 00	30	20	15 00	400	366 00	34 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	2 36	.....	.....
Shelburne Falls,	39	15	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	350	335 00	15 00	.....	6 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buckland,	36	5	..	200	93 00	30	17	12 00	350	300 00	50 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 25	.....	.....
Greenfield,	60	8	..	200	130 00	80	30	10 00	450	352 00	98 00	6 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Deerfield and Conway,	...	...	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pelham,	46	12	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	500	500 00	.....	4 50	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....
Lock's Village,	27	8	1	...	.....	...	...	.....	200	165 00	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prescott,	...	...	..	...	.....	...	...	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enfield,	57	60	..	288	107 00	70	30	5 00	500	500 00	.....	10 78	1 00	1 00	.....	5 04	1 43	50
Florence and Leeds,	9	3	..	124	276 00	...	...	.....	400	375 00	25 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....
Bernardston and Gill,	78	9	3	224	111 00	30	20	15 00	400	365 00	35 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	2 36	.....	.....
Agawam,	58	...	1	200	180 00	30	30	7 00	447	447 00	.....	14 00	.....	1 21	.....	5 39	.....	.....
East Longmeadow,	43	6	..	...	.....	...	...	...	....	208 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ludlow,	72	40	..	..	.....	...	...	.....	450	475 00	.....	20 00	.....	3 00	.....	9 00	3 25	2 50
Wilbraham,	125	17	6	200	250 00	135	48	17 00	650	650 00	.....	93 60	.....	4 00	1 00	7 00	6 00	1 00
South Wilbraham,	63	13	..	200	100 00	84	20	4 00	408	408 00	.....	7 00	50	6 00	50	1 00	1 00	1 00

CHAPTER III.

OFFICERS OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

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1. General Missionary Society.

THE PRESIDING BISHOP, *President.*
M. Raymond, } *Vice Presidents.*
D. E. Chapin, }
R. W. Warren, *Secretary.*
L. Boyden, *Treasurer.*

Managers.—G. Haven, J. W. Lewis, Z. A. Mudge, J. H. Mansfield, Harrison Newhall.

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2. Domestic Missionary Society.

DAVID KILBURN, *President.*
Chester Field, } *Vice Presidents.*
W. Pentecost, }
W. A. Braman, *Secretary.*
T. W. Lewis, *Treasurer.*

Managers.—George Bowler, I. S. Cushman, I. Marcy, David Smith, David Snow.

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3. Conference Tract Society.

W. H. HATCH, *President.*
L. R. Thayer, } *Vice Presidents.*
D. Sherman, }
F. H. Newhall, *Cor. Secretary.*
J. S. Barrows, *Rec. Secretary.*
J. P. Magee, *Treasurer.*

Managers.—Pastors of Boston M. E. Churches; Henry M. Loud, Edw. F. Porter, Henry Furnas, Pliny Nickerson, G. M. Buttrick, J. Q. Maynard.

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4. Sabbath School Society.

THE PRESIDING BISHOP, *President.*
J. L. Hanaford, *Secretary.*
M. Dwight, *Treasurer.*

Managers.—N. D. George, H. C. Dunham, A. F. Herrick, Wm. Pentecost, H. Moulton, H. F. Morse, Wm. North.

5. Conference Anti-Slavery Society.

GILBERT HAVEN, Jr., *President.*
Samuel Kelley, } *Vice Presidents.*
Wm. C. High, }
C. L. McCurdy, *Secretary.*

Managers.—J. H. Twombly, G. M. Steele, D. Sherman, G. E. Chapman, H. W. Warren, and M. P. Webster.

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6. Trustees of the Conference.

DAVID KILBURN, *President.*
James Porter, *Treasurer.*
Stephen Cushing, *Secretary.*
Aaron D. Sargeant, Jefferson Hascall,
Edward Otheman, William Gordon.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give, bequeath, and devise, to the "Trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church," and their successors, incorporated in eighteen hundred and twenty-six, the sum of [1] for the purpose of [2] and the receipt of the Treasurer of the Trustees shall be a sufficient discharge.

Note 1.—Here insert the sum; if real estate, describe it.

Note 2.—Here specify the object to which the income shall be appropriated—as for the purpose of sustaining missions within the bounds of the New England Conference—for the benefit of the superannuated ministers, and widows and orphans of deceased members of the New England Conference—for the purpose of education, the income to be appropriated annually to the Wesleyan University; or the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham; or the Methodist General Biblical Institute; or according to the wish of the donor; or to be appropriated according to the discretion of the Trustees.

Note 3.—It is desirable that notice be given the Trustees, when bequests are made.

Examining Committee.

First Year—M. Raymond, Z. A. Mudge, D. Sherman, M. A Howe. *Second Year*—J. H. Twombly, G. F. Cox, D. K. Banister, B. Judd. *Third Year*—W. R. Bagnall, F. H. Newhall, L. White, G. Bowler. *Fourth Year*—J. W. Merrill, S. Cushing, C. Field, T. Marcy.

Preacher of Conference Sermon—Daniel E. Chapin. Preacher of Missionary Sermon—Lorenzo White.

COLLECTIONS.

Sunday School Union, - - - - -	June.
Biblical Institute, - - - - - -	July.
N. E. Education Society, - - - -	Aug.
Domestic Missions, - - - - - -	Sept.
American Bible Society, - - - - -	Oct.
Preachers' Aid Society, . - - - - -	Nov.
Tract Society, - - - - - -	Dec
General Missions, - - - - - -	Jan

CHAPTER IV.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I. STATISTICS.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	No. of Bible Classes.	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for Sunday School Union.	Sunday School Advocates taken.	Conversions.
							$	$		
Sundries,.....	....	....	.....	.....	.. .	....	.....	12.00	....	...
Boston,.....	35	743	5,087	17,730	190	868	1098.10	137.35	1902	374
Lynn, ...	44	939	6,544	16,407	230	910	1330.10	147.75	2038	316
Worcester, ...	36	536	3,347	12,112	81	459	518.21	67.92	1066	220
Springfield,...	33	413	2,640	9,624	154	127	318.21	44.54	622	63
Total, ...	148	2631	17,718	55,873	655	2364	3265.22	409.54	5618	972
Last year,....	143	2642	16,717	56,047	731	2238	4334.31	.....	6106	762
Increase, ...	5	....	1,001	.....	....	126	.....	.....	....	206
Decrease, ...	....	11	.....	174	76	....	1069.09	43.75	488	...

II. SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. John H. Twombly, *Chairman and Vice-President Sunday School Union.*

District, Boston; *Minister*, J. W. Dadmun; *Post Office Address*, Boston; *Layman*, Jacob Sleeper; *P. O. Address*, Boston.

District, Lynn; *Minister*, Z. A. Mudge; *P. O. Address*, Swampscot; *Layman*, T. P. Richardson; *P. O. Address*, Lynn.

District, Worcester; *Minister*, Chester Field; *P. O. Address*, Worcester; *Layman*, J. Q. A. Maynard; *P. O. Address*, Worcester.

District, Springfield; *Minister*, J. S. Barrows; *P. O. Address*, Chicopee· *Layman*, Lewis Taylor; *P. O. Address*, Springfield.

III. REPORT.

Your Committee have, heretofore, presented resolutions, in their report, covering the importance of our district convention system—the value of a *well* selected library — the need of the vigilant watch-care of the pastor of the Sunday School flock, and many kindred topics, which have been readily adopted and spread upon the pages of the Minutes. All this we would as much as ever emphasize. The conventions should not be given up. Our Sunday School libraries should contain the books from our own catalogue, because we believe that for us, at least, they are the best. The pastor cannot neglect the Sunday School and be blameless. To resolve that these sentiments are correct is well. To carry them out in vigorous action is better.

The relation which the Sabbath School bears to the general revival now in progress, makes the present time a time of great responsibility to its supporters. Within its quiet fold the lambs of the flock should be carefully guarded. Here they should be fed with the sincere milk of the Word, that they may grow thereby And here too the convicted may be brought, to ensure the ripening of their convictions into repentance and saving faith. Here may all earnest Christians show that they are workers together with God in this day of the displays of his power.

We would then commend the declaration to your approval, that much of the ultimate good fruit of this season of refreshing from God, depends upon the efficiency of the Sunday School. The pastors and the laymen who accept this as the truth, will allow that to neglect it is to sin against the sacred interests of religion.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions: —

Resolved, That we heartily approve the course of the Secretary of the Sunday School Union in publishing in the Advocate brief and appropriate articles on the subject of Slavery, expressing the sentiments of the founders of Methodism on that great evil, and illustrating its withering effects on the slave.

Resolved, That we will use our best efforts to increase the circulation of the Sunday School Advocate.

We offer for your consideration the accompanying statistics

exhibiting the present condition of the Schools within the bounds of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. TWOMBLY, *Chairman.*

Worcester, April 12, 1858.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary in this report to present in detail the circumstances of the several educational interests commended to the special care of the Conference. It is sufficiently manifest that the demands of the cause of education among us are quite equal to the resources of the church.

The New England Education Society might easily increase its usefulness almost indefinitely were the means at its command. The Wesleyan Academy is in circumstances requiring immediate aid to a large amount, without which aid its very existence is in peril. The Wesleyan University needs, and must have, to prevent serious embarrassment to its success, the means of a large expenditure in repairs of its present buildings, and in the erection of new ones, and the Professorships of the Biblical Institute must at no very distant date be permanently endowed.

The emergencies of the Wesleyan Academy require that it receive the first attention, and that the most vigorous efforts be immediately made in its behalf.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, and the appointment of the following Visiting Committees.

WESLEYAN ACADEMY.

Resolved, That, Providence permitting, we will on the second Sabbath in May, present to our respective congregations the claims of the Wesleyan Academy, and that within three weeks thereafter we will, if practicable, put in execution such measures as in our judgment will most effectually secure within that time a faithful application for aid to each and every accessible member of our church and congregation from whom there is any prospect of obtaining contributions to this cause; in all cases where practicable making such application in person.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Conference the relation of the Wesleyan Academy to the educational interests of the Commonwealth are such as make it just and equal that said institution receive State aid to an amount sufficient to relieve it in its present emergency, and that should the Trustees petition the Legislature at its next session for such aid, the Secretary be and hereby is authorized to affix his signature to such petition in behalf of the Conference.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

Rev. Messrs. M. Trafton, W. R. Clark, D. Steele, G. M. Steele, C. Field, I. Marcy, D. Sherman, L. White, and J. H. Gaylord.

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Resolved, That we recognize in the general reputation of this Institution, in the number and character of its students, in the faithfulness and efficiency of its Professors, and in the distinguished abilities of its presiding officers, the highest claims to the confidence and patronage of our people, and that we hereby renew our former pledge of co-operation in whatever measures may be adopted for the improvement and increase of its facilities.

VISITORS.

Rev. Messrs. E. O. Haven, W. Rice, M. B. Sewall, Esq. Substitutes, Rev. M. Raymond, Rev. L. R. Thayer, and F. Rand, Esq.

BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

Resolved, That in the general prosperity of the Biblical Institute, especially in the number of its students the past year, (that number being seventy-nine,) in the very liberal offer of our brother Lee Claflin, to contribute fifteen thousand dollars to the funds of the Institution, in case of its removal to the vicinity of Boston, and in the general and hearty interests of our people in the welfare of this "school of the prophets," we do clearly recognize the hand of Divine Providence.

Resolved, That we raise during the coming year for the Biblical Institute, $360, to be apportioned in the following manner: Boston, District, $120; Lynn, $115; Worcester, $75; and Springfield, $50; and that the Presiding Elders divide these amounts among the societies on their respective districts.

Resolved, That the above usual collections in behalf of this Institution be urged with increased earnestness and that by all practi cable means the public mind be prepared for the permanent endowment of its Professorships.

VISITORS.

Rev. Messrs. W. R. Bagnall, M. Trafton, D. E. Chapin, C. K. True, F. H. Newhall, I. J. P. Collyer, and David Snow, Esq.

NEW ENGLAND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Resolved, That we recognize in the New England Education Society an important and promising auxiliary in the promotion of our educational interests, meeting a want long and deeply felt among us, and we therefore commend it to the hearty sympathy and liberal support of all our people.

All respectfully submitted, for the Committee,

M. RAYMOND, *Chairman.*
C. K. TRUE, *Secretary.*

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

The Committee on the Preachers' Aid Society, recommend the following resolutions: —

1. That the honor of the M. E. Church requires that the just claims of those for whom this Society was established should be fully met.

2. That we will put forth earnest efforts in public and in private to raise for this Society the coming year the sum of $3,000.

3. That each Presiding Elder apportion to the several societies of his district the following sums respectively: Boston, $1,100; Lynn, $1,100; Worcester, $550; and Springfield, $250.

4. That the Preachers stationed in Boston, Roxbury, Cambridge, Charlestown, and Chelsea, and all the Presiding Elders, be the Committee to whom applications may be made for aid from this Society.

5. That we learn with pleasure that the Managers of the Preachers' Aid Society have become a corporate body, and we recommend to our men of wealth that they remember this Institution by leaving for its permanent endowment a portion of their substance when they render up to God their stewardship of property.

D. STEELE,

For the Committee.

N. B. For Act of Association and Incorporation of Preachers' Aid Society, see close of Minutes.

SLAVERY.

The Committee on Slavery ask leave to present the following Report:

The past year has been one of a marked character in the development of Anti-Slavery sentiment, and the progress of the Anti-Slavery cause. In the governmental policy of our country the spirit of Slavery Propagandism has been signally rebuked, and a noble stand taken against the aggressions of the slave power, by many high in official position and strong in personal influence; and especially have we reason for gratitude in view of the decided ground so unitedly assumed and firmly maintained on this subject, by the delegation of this State in Congress. And we devoutly pray that the stand so nobly made against this worst form of despotism may be so persistently maintained, that no more slave States may be added to our Union, and that this foul system may extend its blight and curse no farther among us.

The past year has been characterized by new and startling developements respecting the existence of slavery in our own church, and our connection as a church with its existence there. We had been led to believe, by the repeated declarations of those whose position afforded them opportunities for an acquaintance with the facts of which they spoke, that slavery existed in our church only to a very limited extent, and that in such a form as deprived it of almost every thing objectionable in its character. But the facts brought to light in a book entitled "Pictures of Slavery," by one who not only stands unimpeached, but high as a Christian and a Christian minister, as well as from other sources, of what seems to us the most reliable character, have led us reluctantly to the conviction that slavery does exist to an alarming extent in our Eastern border conferences—that it does not differ in its character in our church from its known character out of it—and that the ministry, both local and travelling, are not so free from connection with it, as we believe our discipline and the cause of righteousness require. In these developments we rejoice, because we regard the perception of an evil the first step toward its remedy; and we cannot fail to see in these developments, facts that must awaken the church to a sense of her responsibility in this matter, and stimulate every

minister and member that loves our Zion, to renewed effort for the speedy extirpation of this great evil from among us.

We have also witnessed with much pleasure the truly wise and conservative course adopted and pursued by the editor of our Quarterly Review, and the Secretary of our Sabbath School Department, upon this great sin of our church and nation; and for that reason, as well as for the unrivalled ability with which both the Quarterly and the Sabbath School paper have been conducted, we would cordially commend these publications to the patronage of all lovers of Christian liberty and purity. And while we have reason to regret the course pursued on this subject by some of our official "Advocates," we are gratified with the position of "Zion's Herald," and with the firmness and ability with which that position has been maintained. Your Committee, in conclusion, would recommend for the consideration of the Conference the following resolutions:

1. That while we fully believe that the constitution of our church directly discountenances slaveholding in the Church, and, by fair implication, at least, condemns the slaveholder; yet because the General Rule on slavery is by some understood differently, and is thus found to be ambiguous, we are in favor of such a change in its phraseology as shall place its meaning beyond all doubt.

2. That, believing that the General Conference has the power so to change the chapter on slavery as to make slaveholding a disqualification for membership in our church, we believe the time has fully come when such a change is imperatively demanded alike by the honor, purity, and efficiency of the church.

3. That in order the more readily to secure these changes, we appoint L. R. Thayer as a Committee to correspond with similar committees that may be appointed by other conferences, with a view to secure harmony in the action of the several conferences upon this subject.

4. That we cordially greet, as co-laborers in the anti-slavery work, our newly found friends in the border conferences; and we extend to them our warmest sympathies in whatever opposition or persecution they may encounter; and we pledge to them our prayers and co-operation for the extirpation of the great sin of slavery from our church.

In behalf of the Committee,

L. R. Thayer, *Chairman.*

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause would submit the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That this Conference highly appreciates the labors of the American Bible Society, in giving the Scriptures of Divine Truth to the destitute in our own and foreign lands.

That we retain undiminished confidence in the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society, and we will continue to cooperate with the Society and its Auxiliaries as heretofore.

A. F. Bailey,
H. M. Loud,
H. Brownson,
N. S. Spaulding,
} *Committee.*

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath would present the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That we recognize in the Christian Sabbath a divine institution, the faithful observance of which is inseparably connected with the highest interests of man.

Resolved, That we witness with sorrow, and painful apprehensions for the future of our country, the public and increasing violations of this holy day, especially in some of our large cities.

Resolved, That the performance of ordinary labor on the Sabbath, other than of necessity or mercy, is inconsistent with Christian character, and a violation of the Law of God.

Resolved, That the practice of walking or riding for pleasure, visiting or travelling to save time or expense, on the Sabbath, is a violation of this holy institution, and an increasing evil among us.

Resolved, That the reading of the Sabbath should be strictly religious in its character, and that the practice of reading secular newspapers on that day is as clearly a violation of the fourth commandment as the performance of ordinary manual labor.

Resolved, That the introduction of secular reading into our Sunday School Libraries, to be distributed on the Sabbath, tends to destroy in the minds of our youth the sacredness of that day, and to counteract the influence of Sabbath School instruction.

Resolved, That it is the duty of every pastor to preach to his people on the Institution of the Christian Sabbath, and the importance of its observance.

Respectfully submitted.

Isaac Smith,
John Goodwin,
Samuel Tupper,
F. Fisk,
} *Committee.*

TRACT CAUSE.

The Tract Committee beg to report:

That the Parent Society has issued during the past year, of ordinary tracts, 5,800,000 pages; of tract volumes, 3,433,000 pages; of the pictorial "Good News," 1,680,000 pages. The sales have equalled the amount printed. Copies of all our tracts have been forwarded to William Butler, who will republish them when practicable. Our tracts are variously published, in English, French, German, and Scandinavian. One agent is employed in France; but as to all other agents, colporteurs, and the like, each conference regulates its own work. Constant accessions to the list of new tracts have been made during the year, and perhaps it would be well to remark that this is the only Society in America that publishes tracts against slavery. Marked success has attended the "Good News," from the commencement of its publication; 40,000 copies are printed monthly. Its terms are—for less than 50 copies, 10 cents each per annum. For more than 49, and less than 100, 9 cents. For 100 or over, 8 cents. There is an imperative demand for pungent and forcible tracts of four pages each. Those who have ready pens and willing hearts are earnestly desired to furnish such, and especially such as embody our own theology.

We recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the preachers in our several charges be requested to attend dilligently to the tract collections, and to urge the claims of the "Good News" upon their congregations.

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. Cox,
M. Emory Wright,
L. Bolles,
G. M. Steele,
} *Committee.*

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to present their report in the following resolutions.

Resolved—That the temperance cause is an offspring of the Christian church, and can only prosper so far as it seeks and receives its sanction and support, though we hail as auxiliary to this reform, the Washingtonian movement, and all other organizations which aim directly at the suppression of intemperance.

Resolved — That our calling as Christian ministers, binds us to unceasing exertions in behalf of this cause; and that the pulpit and press should both be used to spread before the people the facts exhibiting the great evils of intemperance.

Resolved—That we believe the prohibitory principle, making the improper sale of ardent spirits a crime, to be sound and indestructible. That we rejoice to learn from the records of our civil courts, that convictions under the Massachusetts Anti-Liquor Law, are increasing in every county in our state, except Suffolk.

Resolved — That the city government of Boston by refusing to take measures to enforce this law within its jurisdiction, places itself in opposition to this noble enterprise, violates the solemn oath by which it bound itself to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth, and merits the rebuke of every high-minded philanthropist and statesman.

Resolved—That we congratulate the friends of temperance on late legislative enactments, which allow the state commissioner to sell only such liquors as have been pronounced pure by the State Assayer; which require all town agents to purchase their liquors of the State commissioner; and which allow him to appoint town agents where the towns themselves refuse to appoint them.

Resolved—That notwithstanding the opposition which this cause encounters; the apathy of some of its friends and the mismanagement of others, we have entire confidence in its ultimate triumph, and hereby renewedly pledge to it our hearty support.

Wm. R. Clark,
C. L. McCurdy,
Wm. H. Hatch,
I. J. P. Collyer,
M. Trafton,
J. W. Dadmun,
N. H. Martin.

Worcester, April 10, 1858.

LAY DELEGATION.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Lay Delegation, submit the following resolutions :—

1. *Resolved*, That the District Stewards of each District in this Conference be requested to elect by ballot at their annual meeting five laymen, as delegates to this Conference.

2. *Resolved*, That the names of the delegates shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the District Steward's meeting, to the Secretary of this Conference, prior to its next session, to be reported by him to this Conference.

3. *Resolved*, That the delegates, thus elected, shall be entitled to speak and vote on all subjects connected with our benevolent and educational enterprises, which may come before us; and likewise to serve on Committees on those subjects.

4. *Resolved*, That the Presiding Elders be requested to present the above Resolutions to their respective District Steward's meetings.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. TWOMBLY, *Chairman*,
GEO. BOWLER, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Rev. John W. Perkins died in Boston, Feb'y 8th, 1858. He was born in Chelsea, Vt., July 20th, 1814. He was converted to God under the labors of Rev. Josiah A. Scarritt, July 30th, 1831, and soon connected himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was licensed to exhort by the Rev. E. Smith, and to preach by the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Chelsea Circuit, Vt.

He was received into the travelling connection in the Vermont Conference, June, 1842, and stationed at Brookfield, Vermont, where he continued two years. The next two years he was stationed in Berlin; the next year in Barre, and the next two years at Plainfield. In 1849, he was transferred to the New England Conference, and stationed at Salem, Mass., where he continued two years. In 1851 and 1852, he was stationed at Newburyport,

Liberty st; in 1853, at Medford; in 1854 and 1855, at Melrose; and in 1856 and 1857, at Church st., Boston.

The disease of which he died was consumption. He had been unwell about a year, but strong hopes were entertained for a season, both by himself and friends, that he would soon recover. But disease had taken a strong hold upon a constitution naturally firm, and though unceasing efforts were made to arrest its progress, yet all was unavailing. His work on earth was done.

In the death of brother Perkins, the New England Conference has lost one of its most able, faithful and successful laborers, and the church on earth a bright and shining light. He was a good man. A few days before his death, he wrote as follows, respecting his conversion to God: "To me, Saturday, the 30th of July, 1831, was a day of thrilling interest. The morning was sad, indeed, and my mind was filled with sad forebodings of divine wrath. O what a load of guilt lay on my poor heart! But before night all that load was gone, and I felt calm, but did not receive the evidence fully of adoption till the following day." To the day of his death, he retained a clear and satisfactory evidence of his acceptance with God. His piety was deep and uniform; and often was he heard to say that he loved God with all his heart.

Our departed brother was endowed with many elements of greatness, all consecrated to the work of saving men. He possessed a clear understanding and a sound judgment. He was a good biblical student, and understood well how to divide the word of truth. He was an able minister of Jesus Christ. His sermons were well prepared, and delivered with an unction that deeply impressed the hearts of his hearers. His ministry was greatly successful. Revivals were witnessed under his ministry in nearly all his fields of labor. It may be truly said of him, that "he turned many to righteousness."

His heart was generous and benevolent. To do good was his delight. Kindness was a leading feature of his disposition. This, with his social qualities, made him a most interesting companion. His friendship was sincere and ardent, never betraying confidence placed in him by others. His high sense of honor and right was seen in all his intercourse with men. Modest and unassuming, but firm and decided, always ready for duty, under whatever circumstances he might have been called to act.

His attachment to the church of his choice was strong; he loved its doctrines and usages. Though a decided Methodist, he was not a bigot. He loved all Christian people and rejoiced in their prosperity.

The Sabbath before his death he desired that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper might be administered to him. It was a solemn scene. That noble form was there, but O, how changed! Weak, unable to speak above a faint whisper, but he wished once more to commemorate the death and sufferings of his Lord. During the service he received new strength, and his soul was filled with unspeakable joy. To a brother present he said, "Tell my brethren in the ministry that I am just what I always have been since my conversion to God. I rest on the atonement, and my way is clear to heaven." Thus died our dear, beloved brother Perkins. Peace to his memory.

"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle's fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

R. W. Allen, *Chairman.*

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

The letters designate their present relation—P. *probationer*, D. *deacon*, E. *elder*, S'y. *supernumerary*, and S't. *superannuate*.

The figures in the last column indicate whether it is the first or second year of appointment. Those in the first column, the time of their admission to Conference.

1858.	Abbott, Thomas J.	D.	E. Brookfield	1
1846.	Adams, J. Augustus	E.	Melrose	2
1833.	Allen, Ralph W	E.	Dorchester	1
1856.	Ames, Jarvis A	E.	Woburn	2
1850.	Andrews, Hezekiah P	E.	Weston	S'y.
1852.	Atkins, Daniel	E.	Dudley	1
1843.	Atkinson, Kinsman	E.	Cambridge	S'y.
1843.	Bagnall, Wm. R	E.	Boston, Meridian st	1
1850.	Bailey, Aug. F	E.	Townsend	1
1856.	Bailey, Jonas M	D.	Milford	2
1820.	Baker, Charles	E.	Waltham	S't.
1834.	Banister, Daniel K	E.	Shrewsbury	2
1855.	Barrows, Justin S	D.	Chicopee	2
1858.	Baylies, Andrew	P.	Rutland	1
1856.	Bent, Gilbert R	E.	N. Reading	1
1851.	Best, Edward S	E.	S. Walpole	2
1842.	Bigelow, Increase B	E.	Oakdale	1
1826.	Binney, Amos	E.	Boston, Hedding Ch	S'y.
1856.	Blackmer, Wm. P	P.	Lunenburg	1
1849.	Bowler, George	E.	Cambridge, East	2
1836.	Boyden, Luman	E.	E. Boston	S'y.
1844.	Braman, William A	E.	Medford	2
1858.	Brewster, Laroy S	P.	Shelburne Falls	1
1826.	Brownson, Hector	E.	Rhinebeck, N. Y., Bible Agt	
1844.	Butler, William	E.	Missionary to India	3
1856.	Cadwell, John	E.	Agawam	1
1855.	Capen, John	D.	Blandford	1
1844.	Chapin, Daniel E	E.	Westfield	1
1850.	Chapman, Geo. E	E.	N. Dana	1
1837.	Clapp, Wm. A	E.	Sudbury	2
1848.	Clark, Jonas M	E.	Palmer	2
1844.	Clark, Wm. R	E.	Lynn, Common st	1
1842.	Cook, Albert A	E.	Milford	S't.
1844.	Collyer, Isaac J. P	E.	Lowell, Central st	1
1830.	Cox, Gershom F	E.	Boston, Hedding ch	1
1820.	Crandall, Phineas	E.	Norwich, Ct	S't.
1844.	Crowell, Loranus	E.	Lynn, (P. Elder)	1
1832.	Cushing, Samuel A	E.	Gloucester, Town Parish	1
1833.	Cushing, Stephen	E.	Dorchester	S'y.
1852.	Cushman, Isaac S	E.	Charlestown, Union Ch	1
1842.	Dadmun, John W	E.	Boston, Hanover st	2
1843.	Day, John S	E.	Marlboro'	2
1841.	Degen, Henry V	E	Boston, Church st	S'y.
1851.	Dobbs, Abram S	E.	Princeton	2
1847.	Dorchester, Daniel	E.	Charlton City	1
1838.	Dunham, Howard C	E.	S. Danvers	1
1831.	Dwight, Moseley	E.	Marblehead	2

1844.	Eastman, Cyrus L	E.	Barre	1
1849.	Estey, Jona. L	E.	N. Blandford	1
1839.	Field, Chester	E.	Worcester, Park st	2
1852.	Fish, Linus	E.	Athol Depot	2
1836.	Fisk, Franklin	E.	Ludlow	2
1846.	Flagg, Algernon S	E.	Millbury	S't.
1842.	Furber, Franklin	E.	Saxonville	2
1853.	Gage, Rodney	E.	N. Andover	1
1853.	Gaylord, John H	E.	Buckland	1
1836.	George, Nathan D	E.	Natick	1
1854.	Goodwin, John	E.	Berlin	1
1834.	Gordon, William	E.	Springfield, (P. Elder)	1
1858.	Gould, Albert	P.	S. Royalston	1
1853.	Green, Benj. F	E.	Millbury	2
1856.	Green, George W	E.	N. Dana	S'y.
1842.	Hall, Henry P	E.	Pittsfield	S't.
1856.	Hambleton, Wm. J	D.	Winchendon	2
1857.	Hamilton, Albinus O	P.	Springfield	1
1845.	Hanaford, Jeremiah L	E.	Webster	2
1830.	Hascall, Jefferson	E.	Shrewsbury, (P. Elder)	3
1834.	Hatch, William H	E.	E. Cambridge, (P. Elder)	1
1848.	Haven, Erastus O	E.	Malden	S'y.
1851.	Haven, Gilbert, Jr	E.	Roxbury	2
1843.	Hempstead, Henry E	E.	Lynn, Boston st	1
1853.	Herrick, Austin F	E.	Salem	2
1851.	High, Wm. C	E.	Ipswich	2
1839.	Howe, Moses A	E.	Boston, Centenary Ch	2
1850.	Howe, Oliver S	E.	Lynn, Maple st	1
1846.	Ingalls, John C	E.	Melrose	S'y.
1812.	Ireson, Joseph	E.	Webster	S'y.
1818.	Jennison, Isaac	E.	Natick	S'y.
1847.	Jones, John	E.	S. Amherst	S'y.
1854.	Jordan, Jabez W. P	E.	Leicester	1
1850.	Judd, Burtis	E.	Fitchburg	2
1822.	Kelley, Samuel	E.	Worcester, Laurel st	1
1798.	Kibby, Epaphras	E.	Chelsea	S't.
1808.	Kilburn, David	E.	Southampton	S'y.
1848.	Lacount, Wm. F	E.	Rock Bottom	1
1806.	Lambord, Benj. F	E.	Lynn	S't.
1854.	Lee, John W	E.	Pelham	1
1835.	Lewis, Joseph W	E.	Newton, U. Falls	1
1849.	Lewis, T. Willard	E.	Boston, Bennington st	1
1850.	Loud, Henry M	E.	Lowell, St. Paul's	1
1858.	Mallalieu, Willard F	D.	Grafton	1
1837.	Mann, Wm. M	E.	Bradford, Vt	S't.
1843.	Manning, Edw. A	E.	Waltham	1
1858.	Mansfield, George W	D.	Whitinsville	1
1856.	Mansfield, John H	E.	Lynn, Union st	2
1841.	Marcy, Ichabod	E.	Southbridge	1
1835.	Marcy, Thomas	E.	Hopkinton	1
1855.	Martin, Nath. H	E.	Hubbardston	1
1834.	McCurdy, Converse L	E.	Boston, Church st	1
1856.	Merrifield, Cyrenius N	D.	Westfield, W. Parish	1
1822.	Merrill, Abraham D	E.	Chelsea, Mt. Bellingham	1
1842.	Merrill, David K	E.	Jenksville	1
1842.	Merrill, John M	E.	Winthrop	2
1838.	Merrill, John W	E.	Concord, (Prof. in Bib. Inst.)	4
1843.	Merrill, Nath. J	E.	Enfield	S'y.

1854.	Middleton, John	E.	Leominster	1
1839.	Mitchell, Randall	E.	S. Wilbraham	1
1833.	Morgan, Erasmus B.	E.	Wilbraham	S't.
1856.	Morse, Horace F	D.	Northampton	1
1828.	Moulton, Horace	E.	Savoy	1
1830.	Mowry, James W	E.	S. Belchertown	S'y.
1840.	Mudge, Zachariah A	E.	Swampscot	1
1808.	Newell, Ebenezer F	E.	E. Brookfield	S't.
1851.	Newhall, Fales H	E.	Lynn, South st	2
1830.	Noble, Charles	E.	Wilbraham	S'y.
1855.	Noon, John	D.	Chester Factories	1
1843.	Olds, Wm. B	E.	Fiskdale	S'y.
1839.	Osgood, Abraham M	E.	Salem, N. H	S't.
1814.	Otheman, Bartholomew	E.	Spencer	1
1805.	Otis, Erastus	E.	Kenosha, Wis	S't.
1854.	Parmenter, Henry R	E.	Newburyport, Purchase st	1
1848.	Pentecost, Wm	E.	Dedham	1
1855.	Piper, Silas	E.	Wales	1
1856.	Pomfret, Wm. J	D.	Clinton	1
1830.	Porter, James	E.	New York, (Book Agent)	3
1857.	Prentice, George	D.	Greenfield	2
1838.	Raymond, Minor	E.	Wilbraham, (Wes. Acad.)	
1841.	Rice, Wm	E.	Springfield	S'y.
1842.	Richards, Daniel	E.	Saugus	2
1812.	Sanborn, Jacob	E.	Concord, N. H	S't.
1822.	Sargeant, Aaron D	E.	Lowell, Worthen st	1
1830.	Scott, Ephraim	E.	W. Springfield	S'y.
1843.	Sherman, David	E.	Warren	1
1843.	Smith, Isaac	E.	Cambridgeport	2
1848.	Smith, John	E.	Newburyport, Liberty st	1
1839.	Smith, Willard	E.	Chelsea	S'y.
1843.	Soule, Nathan A	E.	Gloucester Harbor	1
1822.	Spaulding, Newell S	E.	Sutton	1
1849.	Steele, Daniel	E.	Malden	1
1851.	Steele, George M	E.	Watertown	1
1855.	Sutherland, Geo	E.	Topsfield	1
1813.	Taylor, Edw. T	E.	Boston, Mariners' Ch	
1809.	Taylor, Amasa	E.	New Salem	S't.
1841.	Thayer, Lorenzo R	E.	Boston, Bromfield st	1
1834.	Todd, David	E.	Conway	S'y.
1831.	Trafton, Mark	E.	Springfield, Pyncheon st	2
1853.	Treadwell, Thos. B	E.	Monson	1
1812.	Tucker, Thomas W	E.	Neponset	S't.
1844.	Tupper, Samuel	E.	Holliston	2
1844.	Twombly, John H	E.	Chelsea, Park st	2
1858.	Vail, Albert D	D.	Chicopee Falls	1
1854.	Wait, Daniel	E.	Oxford	1
1855.	Warren, Henry W	D.	Boston, N. Russell st	2
1858.	Warren, Wm. F	P.	Wilbraham	1
1833.	Webster, Moses P	E.	Weston	2
1851.	White, Lorenzo	E.	Charlestown, High st	1
1847.	Wilson, Jarvis	E.	Lock's Village	1
1844.	Wood, Pliny	E.	Ashburnham	1
1856.	Wright, M. Emory	D.	Foxboro'	1

ACT OF ASSOCIATION AND INCORPORATION

Of the Preacher's Aid Society of the New England Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Be it known that we, Thomas Patten, President, Noah K. Skinner and David Snow, Vice Presidents, Charles L. Lane, Treasurer, Franklin Rand, Secretary, and Amos B. Merrill, Pliny Nickerson, Jacob Sleeper, James P. Magee, Levi L. Tower, Edward F. Porter, William Blakemore, William Noble, and Richard Beeching, Managers, of an unincorporated charitable society, to be superseded by this organization, do hereby associate ourselves together, as a body politic and corporate, under the provisions of the fifty-sixth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, by the name of the Preachers' Aid Society of the New England Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, upon the following

FOUNDATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Corporation is located in the City of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ART. 2. The purpose for which it is established is, to aid and relieve the sick, infirm, and aged members of the New England Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who have served the church, and have become unable to travel and to perform ordinary ministerial duty, and the needy and distressed widows and orphans of deceased members of said Conference; to take, hold, and distribute donations; and to establish a permanent fund.

ART. 3. It shall have the corporate name aforesaid, and a corporate seal, bearing the initial letters P. A. S. N. E. A. C. M. E. C., surrounding the words, April, 1858.

ART. 4. The Corporators shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and nine Managers; and they shall respectively hold said offices, and the office of corporator, for

one year from the last Monday of March in each year, and until their successors are chosen ; and all vacancies which may occur in the interim, shall be filled by successors chosen, *pro tempore*, by the Corporation.

ART. 5. All persons who pay annual subscriptions to the funds of the Corporation shall be deemed Annual Donors, and all persons who pay twenty dollars at any one time, or who have heretofore so paid the same to the aforesaid unincorporated society, shall be deemed Life Donors.

ART. 6. On the last Monday of March in each year, at a time and place to be specified in a notice signed by the Secretary or some other three Corporators, and published in Zion's Herald on the week previous, shall be held the Annual Meeting of said Corporation, at which all said donors may be present, and they and said Corporators may then elect, by ballot, from members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the officers and Corporators for the ensuing year, who upon such election shall succeed to the places of their predecessors respectively, with like powers, duties, and tenure of office. And the Corporation shall report at said annual meeting all their doings, receipts, and disbursements for the previous year, and the state of the corporate funds and property; which report shall be transmitted by the Treasurer to the next ensuing New England Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 7. Special meetings of the Corporation may be called at any time by the Secretary, or any other three Corporators, by written notice delivered to, or deposited in the Boston Post Office for each corporator, or published in Zion's Herald on the week previous ; and the first special meeting hereafter held shall be the first meeting of this Corporation.

ART. 8. All monies donated to the Corporation shall be appropriated according to the direction of the donors ; but if not by them otherwise directed, they shall be appropriated for the objects and in the manner specified in Articles 2 and 9.

ART. 9. All applications for aid from the Corporation shall be made to a committee of the New England Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, appointed for that purpose ; and

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no application shall be granted by the Corporation without a written certificate of that committee, recommending a specified appropriation in the case.

ART. 10. Amendments and alterations may be made of these articles at the Annual Meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the Donors and Corporators present, provided notice of the proposed alteration or amendment shall have been inserted in the published notice calling the meeting.

These articles, and all alterations and amendments, shall be recorded immediately in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

In witness whereof we have hereto subscribed our names, at Boston aforesaid, this seventeenth day of April, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

THOMAS PATTEN, *President*,
NOAH H. SKINNER, } *Vice Presidents*,
DAVID SNOW, }
CHARLES L. LANE, *Treasurer*,
FRANKLIN RAND, *Secretary*,
AMOS B. MERRILL, }
PLINY NICKERSON, }
JACOB SLEEPER, }
JAMES P. MAGEE, }
LEVI L. TOWER, } *Managers.*
EDWARD F. PORTER, }
WILLIAM BLAKEMORE, }
WILLIAM NOBLE, }
RICHARD BEECHING, }

W. R. BAGNALL, } *Committee*
M. A. HOWE, } *on*
W. A. BRAMAN, } *Minutes.*